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### SUBMISSION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114 REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 14, 2005 and the subsequent Advisory Action dated December 21, 2005, and in light of the request for continued examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R §1.114, please reopen examination and amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.